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Dear Beekeeper:

California Food and Agricultural Code Section 29040 states that each year, by the first day of January and/or within 30 days of acquiring bees, all persons in possession of an apiary in the state are required to register their colonies and provide apiary location (s) to their County Agricultural Commissioner. This registration allows us to confirm that apiaries meet State and County requirements, and allows us to quickly notify beekeepers in the event that we receive a concern about their bees.

If you: 1. are a bee hobbyist (not in the business of beekeeping with nine or fewer colonies); or 2. if another county holds your registration; or 3. you have fewer than ten colonies - there is no fee to register. If you have ten or more colonies, please enclose a \$10.00 registration fee with the registration form.

If you were registered in 2013, we have enclosed a copy of your 2013 registration information. Please update and make corrections to the 2013 information to notify us of any changes for 2014, and we will consider you registered for 2014.

If you are new to registration, please print and complete a County of San Diego Apiary Registration form found on the Agriculture, Weights and Measures web site <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/awm/bees.html>. or call 1-800-200-BEES (2337) if you would like for information to be mailed to you.

This year, we request that you provide us with your email address. We will email you to confirm that we received your registration. Your email address may also be used by our department in the future to notify you of bee-related meetings (such as those related to ordinance changes), and news of regulatory importance.

When required by the pesticide label, commercial applicators will request beekeeper contact information from our department for apiaries located within one mile of a planned pesticide application. We provide information on beekeepers that have signed up for this notification and are within a one mile radius. This gives beekeepers an opportunity to stay informed and relocate apiaries when needed. On the lower section of the form there is a "Request for Pesticide Notification" section. If you complete this section, you will be notified (when required by the pesticide label) before applications occur within one mile of your apiaries.

Thank you in advance for submitting your apiary registration form with corrections for 2014 and a \$10.00 registration fee, if required. We appreciate your cooperation and participation. If you have any further questions please contact Entomologist Dr. Tracy Ellis at (858) 614-7737 or tracy.ellis@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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